

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION
June 18, 2009 MINUTES**

The special meeting of the Burbank Traffic Commission was held in the Community Room No. 104, 150 N. Third Street, on the above date. Joseph Terranova, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Terranova, Chair
Brian Malone, Vice Chair
Barry Gussow
Robert Heins
David Justl
Dennis Hooper
Rebecca Granite-Johnson
Gregory Bragg

Members Absent: Paul McKenna

Staff Present: Ken Johnson– Traffic Engineering, Public Works
Bonnie Teaforde– Public Works Director, Public Works
Karen McMurray– Administrative Analyst II, Public Works
Rabie Rahmani– Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works
Terre Hirsch– License and Code Administrator, License and Code
Joe McDougall– Senior Asst City Attorney, City Attorney
Sgt. Kelly Frank– Traffic Division, Police Department
Melissa Blau– Recording Secretary, Public Works

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. ROLL CALL

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: (Limited to items on the printed agenda or items regarding the business of the Traffic Commission)

Many residents appeared before the Commission to object the application of commercial parking permits on Evergreen Street and to keep their preferential parking only for residents.

A. Commission Member Communication

David Justl asked about the status on a former agenda item regarding truck routes. Mr. Johnson said he would return to the Commission with that status.

David Justl also inquired about the status of another former agenda item, the Rancho Horse keeping District signage. Mr. Johnson said that there was a modification to the signage, but wasn't sure of the exact details. He said he would report on that status at the next meeting of the Commission.

Commission chair, Joe Terranova, introduced the newest Commission members.

B. Staff Communication

Oral communications were deferred to concur with specific items on the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brian Malone moved to approve the revised minutes for the March 26, 2009, meeting. Barry Gussow seconded the motion. Dennis Hooper, Rebecca Granite-Johnson, and Gregory Bragg abstained.

David Justl moved to approve the minutes for the April 23, 2009, meeting. Brian Malone seconded the motion. Dennis Hooper, Rebecca Granite-Johnson, and Gregory Bragg abstained.

V. REPORTS

A. Approval of Revised LNCV Ordinance –Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson and Mr. McDougall briefed the new members on the history of the LNCV Ordinance. Mr. McDougall explained the changes on the proposed ordinance. Mr. McDougall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gussow, Mr. Malone, Mr. Justl, Ms. Granite-Johnson, Mr. Bragg, and Mr. Hooper participated in the discussion.

Barry Gussow moved, and Brian Malone seconded, to make the corrections in the proposed LNCV Ordinance as follows:

- Change Traffic and Transportation Committee to Traffic Commission
- Clarify the language to allow 48-hour breaks between issuing permits
- Clarify the designation of intersection and justify the proposed parking prohibition from an intersection.

After the changes have been made, Barry Gussow moved for the ordinance to be brought before the Commission again. Brian Malone seconded the amendment. It passed seven to one, with David Justl opposing.

David Justl moved to amend the Ordinance from “no parking without a permit” to “no parking from 2 am to 6 am”. Motion failed for lack of a second.

David Justl moved, and Barry Gussow seconded, to change the maximum amount of annual permits from 96 to 48. It failed to pass six to two, with Robert Heins and David Justl in favor.

Brian Malone moved to bring the agenda item back for more discussion. Joe Terranova seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Taxi Cab Report –Terre Hirsch

The new Commission members were given some background on taxi cab issues by Mr. Hirsch.

Mr. Hirsch reported the taxi cab license renewal period will be starting soon.

Mr. Hirsch reported that Jim Kipper, General Manager of G & S Transit Management DBA City Cab, has transferred out of state and is no longer the General Manager. He stated that the new General Manager of G & S Transit Management is Martin Shatakhyan.

Mr. Hirsch reported that flat rate proposals will be brought before the Commission in the near future.

Mr. Hirsch stated that taxi companies would like to enforce a \$10 minimum for credit card transactions. Taxi companies that use hand held credit card units; do not always get reception during a transaction. Clientele will be asked if they are paying by card prior to the start of service.

Mr. Hirsch stated that the green taxi cab issue has gone to Council. He reminded the Commissioners that the City cannot mandate taxi cab fleets being 100% green. One of the disadvantages for hybrid and CNG vehicles is their lack of handicapped capabilities. Vic Kokosian, of United Taxi of Burbank, concurred with Mr. Hirsch regarding the disadvantages and added that the luggage areas are small. Mr. Malone, Mr. Terranova, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Kokosian, Mr. Hirsch, Mr. Justl, and Mr. Gussow participated in the discussion.

Note and file

C. Discussion of Naomi/Glenoaks Parking Issues (formerly Item D) –Ken Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that Woodbury University has recently begun charging for parking and the Armenian Church's parking lot is under construction; therefore, street parking has worsened on Naomi Street. He stated that new off-street parking is expected to be available for the businesses in the area within several months. Mr. Gussow, Mr. Justl, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Terranova, Ms. Granite-Johnson participated in the discussion. Ms. Granite-Johnson requested that staff investigate the driver sight distance on Buena Vista Street at Glenoaks Boulevard.

Note and file.

D. Status of Commission Membership and Tenure (formerly Item C) –Ken Johnson

The members were briefed by Mr. Johnson regarding the options included in the staff report. It was mentioned that the Burbank Municipal Code suggests that Commission Members should be appointed so that, as near as possible, one-half of the member's terms expire every two years. Mr. Terranova, Mr. Justl, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Malone, and Mr. Gussow participated in the discussion.

Dennis Hooper volunteered to fill Ralph Herman's position, which expires on June 1, 2010.

Barry Gussow moved and Brian Malone seconded to select option 1. That is, Gregory Bragg, Rebecca Granite-Johnson, Dennis Hooper, and Paul McKenna will be appointed to four-year terms expiring on June 1, 2013. Barry Gussow, Robert Heins, David Justl, Brian Malone, and Joe Terranova will have their terms extended one year to June 1, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on Commercial Parking Permits on Evergreen Street –Ken Johnson

The following Evergreen Street residents will be affected by the commercial permits and addressed the Commission:

- Lorelei Blitstein
- Dallas Dinnocente- brought in a petition to keep the street preferential parking only.
- Pat Rock
- Bruce Krechtges
- Frank Orellana

No representative of California Independent Production Center was present. Mr. Terranova, Mr. Malone, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Gussow, Mr. Justl, Ms. Granite-Johnson participated in the discussion.

Brian Malone moved to deny the request for commercial parking permits on Evergreen Street. Barry Gussow seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Traffic Calming (March 08) –Johnson
- Discussion of Parking in Magnolia Park (March 2009) –Terranova
- Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions (July 2008) –Johnson
- Signal Timing Discussion (August 2008) –Terranova
- Traffic Management Center Tour (September 2008) –Flad
- Accident and Citation statistics for review (October 2008) –Flad
- Discussion on bike lanes on streets (December 2008) –Terranova
- Marked and Unmarked Crosswalks in Magnolia Park (March 2009) –Johnson
- Medical Transportation (February 2009) –Terranova
- Parking of Vehicles containing Banners on Olive Ave. Bridge over Ventura Freeway (April 2009) –Justl
- Review of traffic complaints (June 2009) –Hooper
- Street sweeping hours during school dismissal time (June 2009) –Bragg
- Address meeting dates in November and December (June 2009) –Malone
- Status on truck routes (June 2009) –Justl

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Johnson, Traffic Engineer
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